

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 19, 1913, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. February 19, 1913. My dear Alec:

I think that in the first place we want Casey to know that we have never thought even \$2500.00 sufficient compensation for him as manager of the estate, particularly as it includes the directorship of the laboratory and that we only offered it because we hardly felt that we could afford more. On the other hand his position is that having had no experience in running an estate, he is unwilling to accept so much until he has tried the experiment and made good. He declares to do so would make him very uncomfortable.

Now I think this would be a pity and might actually hamper him in his freedom of action as well as destroy his pleasure in making the experiment.

Under these circumstances why not compromise. Instead of \$2500.00 let him take \$2000.00 and be given his house rent free as a starter and we can take up the question of larger compensation by and by when we have learned by experience how we can work things out.

I think this could be fair because at five per cent on the cost of the building, which is the rent you have charged, it would pretty nearly split the difference.

Yours, Mabel.